

BPW/VT Full Board Meeting
August 16, 2017
Teleconference (1-515-739-1032)
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Call to Order: Danielle Martell, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Roll Call: Danielle Martell, Jackie Hawkins, Debbie White, Shelley Maloney, Michelle Thibault-Hatch, Marilyn Grunewald and Lisa Grunewald.

Quorum met.

Minutes: Post Convention minutes, 5/21/2017:

Motion by Shelly Maloney, Member at Large, CT, to approve the Post Convention minutes from 5/21/2017 and Seconded by Diane Brockway, Champlain Valley BPW.

Motion carried.

Board Meeting minutes, 7/19/2017:

Motion by Marilyn Grunewald, Franklin County BPW, to approve the Full Board Meeting minutes from 7/19/2017 and Seconded by Shelley Maloney, Member at Large, CT.

Motion carried.

Executive Committee Updates:

President: Danielle Martel, President, said the next Full Board Meeting will be held on the 4th Wednesday in September (September 27). Danielle and Stacy Smith, St. Johnsbury BPW, are working on updating the website. The Website report will be available for the September meeting.

President Elect: Alice Kitchell was not on call. No Report

Vice President: Jackie Hawkins, Vice President, reported that she had received one request for a Membership Grant. Currently there is not a full Membership Grant Committee. Danielle will try to get two committee members. Danielle will forward the application to the full board by email to be voted on. Jackie said she has updated the new application on the website.

Treasurer: Michelle Thibault-Hatch, Treasurer, stated that the checkbook balance is \$23, 694. Michelle has mailed the check for the reservation for Annual Convention to be held at Burke Mountain. Michelle said there is a money-market account. She will report the amount of this account at the September meeting.

Secretary: Diane Brockway, Secretary, had no additional report.

Local Organization Updates:

Burlington BPW: N/A

Champlain Valley BPW: Diane Brockway, Champlain Valley BPW, reported that the next meeting will be next Tuesday, August 22. Women's Equality Day is August 26. Congratulations to Emily Owens, President, on the birth of her daughter, Pernilla Eleanor Owens on July 31.

Franklin County BPW: Debbie White, President, said they will be hosting an Open House on August 29. There will be guest speaker with a presentation on "Communicating in Today's World". All Local Organizations are invited. The program for the meeting September 19 will be "Dressing for Success".

Members at Large: Shelley Maloney, CT, said that the MALS will be meeting at the NEPSP meeting in Maine in September. The Membership Award for increased membership awarded at the VT/BPW Annual Convention will be presented at the NEPSP meeting.

St. Johnsbury BPW: N/A

Westshire BPW: N/A

Committee Updates:

Membership: Jackie Hawkins, VP, said she plans on visiting each Local Organization.

Bylaws: Danielle Martel, President, said that she does not have a Committee Chair. She said that she has received Bylaws from two local organizations for approval. In lieu of a Committee Chair and Committee, Danielle will send to the "Board" for approval.

Finance: Daniell Martel, President, does not have a Finance Chair. She asked the Board members to go back to their Local Organization and ask for volunteers..

Individual Development Program: Shelley Maloney, CT, reported that there will be an ID program to be held Saturday, October 21 at the Capitol Plaza in Montpelier, VT. She will be offering a "Train the Trainer" program.

Legislative: VT: Marilyn Grunewald, Franklin County BPW, has a article regarding the current status of laws and she will share the article with anyone who is interested.

NY: Diane Brockway, Champlain Valley BPW, no report.

Young Careerist: Danielle Martel, President, stated she had submitted the information for Michelle Friedmann for the Regional Y/C program to be held at the NEPSP. Danielle still needs a Y/C chair.

Communications: Danielle Martel, nothing to report.

Convention: The 93rd Annual Convention will be held May 18 and May 19, 2018 at Burke Mountain Resort. Michelle Thibault, Franklin County BPW, and Shelley Maloney, MAL, volunteered to co-chair the event.

Website: Danielle Martel and Stacy Smith are working to update the Website.

NEPSP: Shelley Maloney, CT, reported that the New England Past State Presidents meeting will be held Saturday, September 23 at the Fairfield Inn & Suites in Augusta, Maine. The phone number for hotel is 207-623-2200. When making a reservation give BPW. Pre-registration of \$40 (includes lunch and registration fee) is due by September 9th. If paid on site, cost is \$60. Room rate is \$109 plus applicable taxes. NEPSP dues are \$20. All Past State Presidents can join.

BPW/VT President's Club: Danielle Martel, nothing to report.

VT Commission on 21Women: Danielle Martel reported that the Commission is looking for women who have any issues regarding Alimony to tesify. If anyone knows of anyone who is having trouble collecting alimony, please let Danielle know and she will pass on the information. Marilyn Grunewald, Franklin County BPW, asked Danielle to pass on to the Commission that she would like to have BPW/VT more involved with next year's Equal Pay Day event at the Capitol.

Women Joining Forces: Donna Rae Heath, St. Johnsbury BPW, was not present. Danielle had nothing to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

21st Annual Women's Economic Opportunity Conference (WEOC) sponsored by Senator Patrick Leahy will be held Saturday, September 16 at the Vermont Technical College in Randolph, VT. The Registration deadline is September 8.

CAMP BPW: Financial Literacy Day (formerly CAMP BPW) will be held October 11 at Bellows Free Academy (BFA) in St. Albans, and in May at M.V. Union High School in

Swanton. The students participating in the program receive school credit. Danielle would like BPW/VT to sponsor these programs.

Motion made by Shelley Maloney, MAL (CT) to have BPW/VT sponsor the Financial Literacy Day programs at BFA and M.V. Union High School. Seconded by Michelle Thibault-Hatch. Motion carried.

Women's Mixer: Marilyn Grunewald, Franklin County BPW, said that the Women's Mixer will be held August 22 from 5-8 pm at 14 Star Brewery.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Brockway, Secretary

Approved: _____